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PAUL'S NOTE

As many of you know, I wasn't exactly the number one booster of the Sabino Canyon/Kolb Road Extension project. Despite my troubles with the project, I know why planners felt it was necessary. The intersection at Grant and Kolb is close to impassible at peak periods. Not only is having to sit through two and three lights a frustration for drivers, having that many vehicles idling is bad for our air quality. This project will reduce the delay for all vehicles by 200 hrs per peak hour each day, as well as increase access to Sabino Canyon, Udall Park and businesses in the area for people across our community.

That said, I made it clear to transportation planners that this must be done in keeping with the needs of the immediate neighbors to the project. It wasn't always easy, but I feel Joe Chase and his team from transporta-

tion has done that.

The project is the first major roadway to be built, not just re-scoped, widened or resurfaced, in ten years. The fact that it was being built in a place where there was no previous road gave project managers the freedom to do some things to respond to neighbors' concerns.

One thing that was done early on was the roadway was moved to the east (as far as possible in the right-of-way) to reduce the impact on the neighborhood. Also, a sound wall was built before construction of the roadway was started. This is usually done after the roadway is complete. However, the neighbors were concerned about construction noise so it was decided that this should be done before hand.

Both neighborhood and environmental concerns even affected the way the bridge was constructed. Rather than drilling

shafts, project managers opted for driven piles to support the bridge. This kept noise confined to short periods each day. Also, it takes half the time.

There was also a second, more important consideration. Given that a section of roadway was also over the landfill, it was necessary to build that section like a bridge. By using driven piles rather than shafts, this meant there was no hazardous material that would have needed to be excavated and transported near homes.

Interestingly, we thought we'd be getting calls at the office about the pile driver noise. We got none. The project team did a great job keeping the neighbors informed so the noise was not a surprise.

Concrete was poured late last week and the entire roadway should be open by February. I'd

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

like to thank Joe Chase, the project manager, and his team for getting this project done on schedule and within budget.

I have a piece of good news for all of you that drive East Broadway: the bureaucratic haggling, the special engineering issues and troubles with local utilities are over and we are ready to start the East Broadway project.

If you want your questions answered, an open house has been organized by the Department of Transportation for Wednesday, August 31st at Gridley Middle School, 350 S Harrison Rd. It will run from 5:30 to 7.

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For the upcoming semester, we'll have Rob Kull interning in our office. Rob is a public administration senior at the University of Arizona and a US Navy veteran. Welcome to the office, Rob!

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7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd., Tucson
September 10, 2016 Saturday 8:00 am



For more information contact
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Studies suggest that physical activity may help cancer survivors live longer by: reducing the risk of cancer recurrence of slowing cancer progression and reducing the risk of other life threatening diseases including second primary cancers.

KOLB ROAD UPDATE

Construction of the extension of Sabino Canyon Road to Kolb Road is in progress. Tucson-based Ashton Company was selected as contractor for the project with a low bid of approximately \$12.3 million.

Traffic update: In July the point of access between Sabino Canyon Road and the frontage road leading to Calle Malaga was temporarily shifted from slightly south of Redbud Road to temporary paved access directly at Redbud Road. This change in access is complete and access has moved to the newly constructed frontage road access points.

Project schedule: The contractor began minor construction in mid-December 2015, and major construction activity began after the first of the year. To date, the contractor has made significant progress in the following areas:

- Noise wall adjacent to the Pantano II neighborhood – 100% Complete
- Noise wall adjacent to Udall Park – 100% Complete
- Major roadway grading – 100% Complete
- Pantano Wash Bridge drilled shafts – 100% Complete
- Pantano Wash Bridge pier columns – 100% Complete
- Pantano Wash Bridge abutments – 100% Complete
- Pantano Wash Bridge girders – 100% Complete
- Pantano Wash Bridge concrete deck – 50% Complete
- Underground utilities – 95% Complete
- Drainage facilities – 80% Complete
- Mullins Bridge pile driving –100% Complete
- Sabino Canyon Road curb – 70% Complete
- Sabino Canyon Road subgrade preparation – 85% Complete
- Sabino Canyon Road base paving – 90% Complete
- Sabino Canyon Road street lighting – 60% Complete

Current activities: Construction of the piers to support the bridge structure carrying the roadway across Mullins Landfill began in mid-May utilizing driven piles and is now 100% complete. Our thanks to neighbors for patience with the noise of the pile-driving; use of driven piles significantly reduced the construction time for the bridge structure and the need to excavate and transport waste material removed from the landfill, compared to drilled shaft construction.

The entire project was scheduled to take approximately 15 months to complete (weather permitting) with an anticipated completion date of Feb. 28, 2017.

Please visit the website at SabinoKolbConnection.info for additional information.

If you have specific questions or would like to be added to the list for email updates, please contact Lori Lantz at lori@gordleygroup.com or 520-327-6077.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

Health and Wellness Fair: The Health and Wellness Fair will be on Thursday, September 29 from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be vendors, presentations, raffle, prizes and more.

Casino Night: Casino Night will be on Thursday, August 25 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. The event will include entertainment, food, gambling chips, great prizes from local businesses, and fun! The event is sponsored by The Forum of Tucson, and FiveStar Senior Living.

Aquatic Fitness: A free aquatic fitness class will be on Tuesday, August 30 from 8 am to 10:30 am. It will include a safety talk and snacks. Sponsored by CareMore.

Please contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Fall Program Guide and Parks and Recreation Leisure Classes: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall Program Guide has been published, and registrations have started. The Fall Leisure classes for Session I takes place from August 28-October 15. Session II of classes will run October 23-December 10. For class and program availability, call Registration Services at 791-4877. Visit www.ezeereg.com for additional information.

City Softball: The City Softball League season begins August 15. Walk-in registrations are currently taking place at the Sports Unit located at 8155 E Poinciana Drive. Registration ends August 5.

The Arizona Symphonic WINDS- Concerts: The WINDS concert series will take place at the Lazslo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd) on September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, and from 7 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket. For more information visit: <http://azwinds.com/>

Call 791-4877 for more information or questions.

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**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 7**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

